What is claimed is:

1. A method of forming a multi-media communication path between at least a first communication device, a second communication device and a third communication device all of which are coupled to a multi-media provider system, the method comprising:

receiving a first call request at a circuit-based portion of a multi-media provider system;

processing the call request at the circuit-based portion of the multi-media provider system for forming a first communication link between the first and second communication devices;

sending predetermined attributes of the first communication link to an IP-based portion of the multi-media provider system for configuring the IP-based portion of the multi-media provider system to provide at least one of a plurality of predetermined multi-media services; and

monitoring the first communication link for a predetermined request for at least one of the plurality of multi-media services.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein after sending predetermined attributes of the first communication link to the IP-based portion of the multi-media provider system, the method further includes forming a first Real-Time Transport Protocol stream between the first communication device and an application server located on the IP-based portion of the multi-media provider system.

3. The method of claim 2, further including forming a second Real-Time Transport Protocol stream between the second communication device and the application server located on the IP-based portion of the multi-media provider system.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein monitoring the first communication link for the predetermined request includes monitoring the first communication link for a post-answer call redirect request as directed by an Application Server.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein configuring the IP-based portion of the multi-media provider system to provide at least one of the plurality of predetermined multi-media services includes:

configuring the IP-based portion of the multi-media provider system to provide post-answer call redirecting services.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein after detecting the post-answer call redirect request, the method further includes forming a third Real-Time Transport Protocol stream between the third communication device and the application server located on the IP-based portion of the multi-media provider system.

7. The method of claim 6, further including moving the first, second and third Real-Time Transport Protocol streams to a media server located on the IP-based portion of the multi-media provider system for enabling the media server to operate as a mediator for the first, second and third Real-Time Transport Protocol streams.

8. The method of claim 7, further including the Application Server instructing the media server to mix the first, second and third Real-Time Transport Protocol streams for providing the multi-media communication path between at least the first communication device, the second communication device and the third communication device.

9. The method of claim 8, where after controlling the media server to mix the first, second and third Real-Time Transport Protocol streams, the method further includes disabling the monitoring of the first communication link for the post-answer call redirect request.

10. The method of claim 9, further including controlling the media server to monitor the multi-media communication path for at least one of a plurality of conferencing instructions.

11. The method of claim 9, further including controlling the media server to monitor the multi-media communication path for at least one of a plurality of transfer instructions.

12. The method of claim 9, further including controlling the media server to monitor the multi-media communication path for at least one of a plurality of courtesy transfer instructions.

13. The method of claim 9, further including controlling the media server to monitor the multi-media communication path for at least one of a plurality of consult and transfer instructions.

14. The method of claim 9, further including controlling the media server to monitor the multi-media communication path for at least one of a plurality of conference and transfer instructions.

15. A method for providing Post Answer Call Redirection (PACR) to provide capacity relief to existing telecommunications network and to predetermined network elements, the method comprising:

a. receiving at a Border Element (BE) a telephone call from a calling party
b. transmitting a message from the Border Element to a Call Control Element (CCE) to a Service Broker (SB) to an Application Server (AS) to a Media Server (MS), wherein a first query message is received by the AS without having been routed through a circuit-based portion of the communications network and including a circuit switch, a circuit service control point (SCP), and a circuit adjunct;
c. receiving at a Border Element instructions for PACR from the AS;
d. providing PACR, via a combination of the AS, MS, BE, and CCE without accessing the circuit switch, circuit SCP, or circuit adjunct; and
e. after receiving PACR, routing the telephone call without accessing the circuit switch, the circuit SCP and the circuit adjunct.